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Butterfly Collection
Joy Barth, 1st Place (Tie)
Poetry

It's that feeling
In the pit of the stomach
We call it butterflies...

It doesn't happen often
But Santa Claus
Can do it
When you're four

And certain men
Can catch you by surprise
Nearly scare you
Half to death
With no more
Than
Their eyes...

I've heard labor pains
Can do it
Especially if they're yours
And that people
Get them most
Just outside
Front doors

They say Dorothy had them
On her way to Oz
And phones...
Oh, yes
They're a common cause

So add to your collection
It's harder now than then
The more you love
The less they come
And sometimes
Not again.